

96-98 AD

Nerva: adopts Trajan (98-117)

Further adoptive emperors  
Hadrian (117-138)

Antoninus Pius (138-161)

Marcus Aurelius (161-180)

51 AD <sup>96</sup> → 96 AD

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DOMITIAN

TITUS FLAVIUS DOMITIANUS

Domitian banished St. John  
to the island of PATMOS  
where he wrote the last  
book of the new Testament

96AD

1912 Dates J-BK

DOMITIANUS was murdered by  
the freedman STEPHANUS.

96-98 AD

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NERVA (MARCUS COCCAEIUS NERVA),  
a senator was raised to the  
throne by murders of DOMITIAN.

He recalled exiles.

He reduced taxes.

He repealed the law of Treason.

He adopted TRAJAN, whom he  
appointed his successor.

96

1912 Dates J-BK

(51-96) DOMITIAN (TITUS FLAVIUS  
DOMITIANUS)

Roman emperor (81-96). Was the son of VESPASIAN and younger brother of TITUS. The earlier yrs. of his rule were marked by beneficence and wisdom; but through the failure of campaigns especially against the DACIANS, he grew embittered and ruled cruelly and tyrannically. He done nearly all good

men from Rome. Paid the soldiers immensely  
and pacified the people with expensive games  
and gladiatorial combats. His cruelty  
caused a rebellion against him in  
which he was assassinated

AD 96

On Nero's accession in 96  
Trajan was appointed governor of  
Upper Germany



96-98

DURANT

Principals of Nerva

96-98AD

Nerva was emperor

about 95

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at Rome was severely persecuted about  
94AD

95-96

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In 96 Domitian was murdered.

95 AD

~~88-97 AD~~

Domitian persecuted Christians,  
principally at Rome

18 Sept 96

Nerva did not seek power. He was approached by the conspirators planning Domitian's murder, and accepted the role of successor to save his own life, which was under threat from Domitian.

He was acclaimed emperor by the senate 18 Sept 96 as soon as the murder of Domitian became known.



Dimitri was assassinated  
at home.

His wife, Domitria, had a  
freeman, STEPHANUS stab him.

The Apocalypse  
Last book of New Testament  
probably written c 96  
also called "Book of Revelation"  
attributed to apostle John

96AD

The Apocalypse was  
written in Greek by St. John  
the Evangelist on the Island  
of Patmos, about the year 96 A.D.

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### NERVA

He was appointed by the Senate, but sided with the poor, trying to aid them. He appointed his successor, TRAJAN, who was accepted by the Senate.